

Texas, this was the team's first appearance in the finals since 2015 and its second national championship in baseball, with the first coming in 1983.

The Highlanders are led by head coach Mitch Thompson, my brother-in-law. For Thompson, who has had a long and distinguished baseball career, this was his first national championship. Thompson played college baseball at Fort Hays State University in Kansas, where he twice earned academic all-conference honors and served as team captain as a senior. Following his graduation from Fort Hays State in 1988, Thompson began his coaching career. Prior to being named the head coach at McLennan in 2013, Thompson served as an assistant at Mississippi State University, Radford University, Auburn University, and Baylor University. Additionally, he was a scout for the Kansas City Royals organization in 2013. Throughout his coaching career, Thompson has become widely respected as a recruiter and evaluator of talent.

I want to congratulate Coach Thompson and his team on their fantastic season. Coming off a year in which the baseball season was cut short, this season provided unique challenges and was unlike any other the players had previously experienced. I am proud of the McLennan team and all that the Highlanders accomplished this year by bringing home the top prize in junior college baseball.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF STEVE KERR FROM WHEELER MISSION

HON. TREY HOLLINGSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader Steve Kerr. Steve is retiring after 28 years of service to Wheeler Mission, a ministry that has been serving Hoosiers for over 128 years, including two locations in my district.

Steve has been with Wheeler since November 22, 1993. He began his role as the Capital Campaign Director and then moved into the Director of Development role. He has built a strong legacy that has impacted thousands of lives, went from three staff members to now twenty-two who make sure the needs of residents, staff, donors and volunteers are met daily.

In 2003 Steve had the vision to bring runners, walkers, and families together on Thanksgiving Day to help raise money for the ministry. The Drumstick Dash is now headed into its 19th Dash and continues to grow. People from all over the country descend on Indy and virtually to "Move Their Feet So Others Can Eat." The annual campaign, along with other special events, raises around million dollars each year for this vital ministry.

Wheeler Mission offers the Indianapolis and Bloomington communities homeless shelters, residential programming, addiction recovery services, and social enterprises. Wheeler has adapted to meet the community's ever-changing needs and is unwavering in its commitment to Christ and the transformation through the Gospel. I thank Steve Kerr for his commitment to Wheeler Mission, and the lives he has and will continue to impact due to his legacy.

HONORING AVERY ALVES OF TURKEY HILL SCHOOL IN ORANGE, CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, each year the community of Orange, Connecticut gathers for a solemn ceremony and parade to mark Memorial Day. As part of this ceremony, local elementary school students are invited to submit artwork that reflects the special meaning of Memorial Day. One of these submissions is chosen as the cover art for the community's Memorial Day program. I had the opportunity to join the Orange ceremony this year and was inspired by the artwork by Avery Alves of Turkey Hill School, the student whose artwork was selected for the program cover.

I only wish that I could submit the actual artwork. Avery did a wonderful job and I will try to do it justice with this description. On a white backdrop blue blocked letters spell out "Orange, CT"; scripted in black just below "Memorial Day"; blocked red letters spell "Parade"; at the center of the page is a beautifully rendered bald eagle clutching an American flag in its talons; just below scripted in black are the words "Never Forget"; and the final line, once again blocked in blue lettering, is "Ever Honor." For one so young, Avery's artwork is a stirring reminder of why we gather each year to pay homage to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our Nation.

For more than two hundred years American soldiers have answered the call to defend our land and our values of freedom and democracy. With annual ceremonies like the one in Orange, that engage our youngest citizens, we ensure that we will never forget that our armed forces have a long and proud history, and that every one of our veterans has demonstrated outstanding courage, dedication, and service. It is my honor to rise today to thank Avery Alves for her very special contribution to Memorial Day and her community.

DEKON FASHAW, SR.

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am here today to speak about an inspiring citizen of Cape May, New Jersey—Dekon Fashaw, Sr. Back in February, he became the first Black police chief for the City of Cape May. Before becoming police chief, Dekon was with the Cape May Police Department for 22 years. Throughout his career, he longed to be a police officer because he felt that it was important for a man of color to be in the esteemed position to look after his community. Dekon has the support of many behind him, including his predecessor, Anthony Marino. The City of Cape May Mayor Zack Mullok also emphasized how Dekon has brought the community together through his positive attitude and desire to care for people. I have no doubt that Dekon will serve and protect the City of Cape May. He is an exceptional man who has dedi-

cated his life to public service. God Bless him and God Bless America.

HALBERT SULLIVAN

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Halbert Sullivan, founder and CEO of Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) who passed away on April 15, 2021. Mr. Sullivan is a shining personification of triumphing over mistakes and using them as a catalyst for change. As the founder of FFSC, Mr. Sullivan was continually recognized for his groundbreaking work in the community, including being awarded with the Gold Pin for the President's Volunteer Service Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Partnership of Community Leadership, multiple honors from the NAACP, Missouri Association of Social Welfare, Washington University, and many others. In 2017, Mr. Sullivan was also named St. Louis' Nonprofit Executive of the Year. He was unquestionably a change agent whose work and impact reverberated in the lives of every person he touched. St. Louis has been made lastingly better because of his legacy and he will be sorely and widely missed.

HONORING SHERIFF JOHN ROBERTSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff John Robertson and to recognize his extensive contributions to our community through his leadership in law enforcement.

A California native, Sheriff Robertson was born and raised in Burlingame, California. He went on to attend San Diego State University, where he received his degree in Criminal Justice. Sheriff Robertson began his accomplished career in Law Enforcement at the San Mateo Police Department in 1981. It was there that he established his expertise in Hazardous Materials, Explosives, and Incident Management. Since June 1991, Sheriff Robertson has been with the Napa County Sheriffs Office, where he established himself as a natural leader and resource to the Napa community. Soon after, he began teaching at the Police Academy and Criminal Justice Training Center, where he instructed both Academy Cadets and law enforcement officers on a wide variety of topics.

He became Sheriff of Napa County in 2012 serving for 11 years, including during the terrible earthquake in 2014 and the apocalyptic fires in 2017, 2019, and 2020. Sheriff Robertson's leadership and innovation has recently led to a pilot program utilizing the European "Hi-Lo" siren in patrol cars for use during evacuations. As a result, departments across California began participating in this program, leading to the passage of Senate Bill 909, which amended the California Vehicle Code to